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Corps of Engineers announces Waco Lake Airport Beach closure due to drought conditions

FORT WORTH, TEXAS– The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District announce the closure of Airport Beach Park at Waco Lake due to drought conditions. The lack of rainfall in central Texas has Waco Lake currently at 5.25 feet below normal pool. Due to the low levels Airport Beach Park is not a safe swimming area. Officials at the Corps recommend the front beach at Twin Bridges which is still open and available for use, and encourage all visitors to use this designated swim area.

Changing lake levels and drought conditions have brought submerged hazards close to or above the water's surface bringing new hazards to boaters. The low lake levels have exposed rocks, submerged trees, sandbars as well as other potential hazards. The prudent boat operator must remain vigilant at all times and keep a proper lookout for such hazards. Boaters and watercraft operators are required to operate at slow speeds so as not to create a wake and to use caution when launching boats from ramps.

For more information please contact Waco Lake Park Ranger Elizabeth Anderson at (254) 756-5359.

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About the Fort Worth District: The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was established in 1950. The District is responsible for water resources development in two-thirds of Texas, and design and construction at military installations in Texas and parts of Louisiana and New Mexico. Visit the Fort Worth District Web site at:
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